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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- Pentagon officials announced this afternoon that they will both re-bid and re-evaluate the bidding process which has been thoroughly criticized by Boeing Corporation, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and numerous Members of Congress.

"This action on part of the Pentagon and Air Force is absolutely necessary," said Congressman Russ Carnahan. "The best move would have been to choose Boeing in the first place, now the Bush Administration has a chance to right a wrong, let's hope they do so."

Last month, the GAO released findings in favor of Boeing and its bid concerns of a contract award to foreign based Northrop Grumman/EADS consortium, to construct refueling tankers for the United States Air Force.

Congressman Carnahan had been very vocal on the issue before the Congress, and worked with a bi-partisan group in the House, since Boeing lost out on the award amid questionable scoring on their bid by the Air Force.

Boeing was validated on almost all issues raised before the GAO. The GAO report was harsh in its criticism of the Air Force. It did not reach a decision on the billions extra needed for the EADS aircraft over the lifetime of the tanker fleet.

Boeing has manufactured over 2000 tankers with advanced fly-by-wire booms and the life cycle costs of the Boeing 767 tanker, including fuel costs, would be billions less than that of EADS aircraft.